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### **State Homeland Security Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Office for Domestic Preparedness has announce the FY 2003 State Homeland Security Grant Program (ODP). This program provides funding for state and local public safety agencies to procure a broad base of HLS equipment needs including personal protective equipment, detection, physical security enhancement, terrorism prevention, logistical support equipment, and other items including medical supplies, response vehicles and reference materials.

The State Homeland Security Grant Program seeks to build on progress made over the past four years towards enhancing the capabilities of state and local emergency responders by allowing for the purchase of advanced types of equipment to enhance homeland security. The deadline for application is April 22, 2003. Additional information regarding this grant program can be found at the following web site: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/terrorism/whats\\_new.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/terrorism/whats_new.htm)

Sincerely,

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